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IN THE NEWS

Gwinnett County Public Library

Collins Hill Branch Temporarily Closed

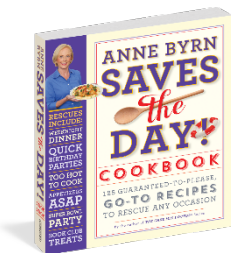
The Collins Hill branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library (GCPL) will be closed from **Monday, December 8 to Wednesday, December 17, 2014** for carpeting and flooring projects. **Book drops will be closed.** Please return borrowed items to another GCPL location or hold them until the branch re-opens. Fines for items due during the closed period will be waived.

Customers are encouraged to select alternate pickup locations for holds expected to arrive at the Collins Hill branch during this time. Hold times for items already on the holds shelf will be extended through Saturday, December 20. Please contact the Library Help Line with any questions or concerns at 770-978-5154, or text GCPL at 770-450-5305.

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Anne Byrn, The Cake Mix Doctor

New York Times bestselling author of the Cake Mix Doctor cookbooks Anne Byrn made a stop at the Peachtree Corners branch of GCPL on December 3 at 6:30 p.m. for a talk, recipe sampling, and book signing for her new



cookbook *Anne Byrn Saves the Day*.

Before Anne wrote the bestselling Cake Mix Doctor series of cookbooks, she was the food editor at the *Atlanta Journal-*

Constitution for fifteen years. There she learned to write about food and took cooking lessons from countless notable chefs including Julia



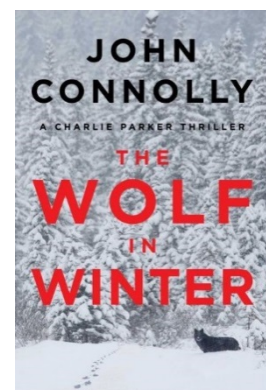
Child and Marcella Hazan. She also studied cooking in Paris at La Varenne Ecole de Cuisine.

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Internationally Bestselling Author John Connolly

Gwinnett County Public Library welcomed number one internationally bestselling author John Connolly to the Norcross Cultural Arts & Community Center on Saturday, November 22 at 7 p.m. Connolly discussed and signed his novel *The Wolf in Winter*, the latest in his Charlie Parker thriller series.

John Connolly is the author of teen and adult international bestsellers. He is the winner of the Agatha, Shamus, and the Anthony Awards for his work. He has written the Samuel Johnson trilogy for teens and *Conquest*, the first in the Chronicles of the Invaders for teen readers, with Jennifer Ridyard. He divides his time between Dublin, Ireland, and Portland, Maine.



Evening with Author Rick Bragg and Piano Man Kurt Scobie Features Stories of Jerry Lee Lewis

The greatest Southern storyteller of our time, *New York Times* bestselling author Rick Bragg, tracks down the greatest rock and roller of all time, Jerry Lee Lewis, and gets the story straight from the source in his book *Jerry Lee Lewis: His Own Story*. Gwinnett County Public Library welcomed Bragg and Piano Man Kurt Scobie to Eddie Owens Presents at the Red Clay Theatre on November 13 at 7 p.m.

Prior to the storytelling and talk by Rick Bragg, Kurt Scobie performed a medley of Jerry Lee Lewis songs. Kurt Scobie lives in Atlanta, Georgia, but he is most at home when he is on the road and meeting new people. Since 2008, he has traveled the US with around 200 performances each year, including several NACA showcases, and a performance for the Atlanta Braves.

Kurt has also shared the stage with The Civil Wars, Matthew Perryman Jones, and Montell Jordan. Influences such as Mat Kearney, Dave Matthews, and Jason Mraz have helped Kurt create a sound that is winning over audiences across the country. In his free time, you can usually catch Kurt reading an amazing book, drinking an amazing craft beer, or eating amazing sushi.

A monumental figure on the American landscape, Jerry Lee Lewis spent his childhood in Ferriday, Louisiana and Natchez, Mississippi and galvanized the world with hit records like *Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On* and *Great Balls of Fire*. *Jerry Lee Lewis: His Own Story* is the Killer's life as he lived it, and as he shared it over two years with the greatest bard of Southern life: Rick Bragg.



Bragg won a Pulitzer Prize in 1996 recognizing his work at *The New York Times*. He now works as a writing professor at the University of Alabama's journalism program in its College of Communications and Information Sciences.

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Learning the Steps it Takes to Turn Your Picture Book Idea Into a Submission-Ready Manuscript

Gwinnett County Public Library, in partnership with The Southern Breeze region of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, presented a free writer's workshop featuring keynote speaker and bestselling children's author Danny Schnitzlein. Perfecting Your

Picture Book! Was held on Saturday, October 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Five Forks branch.

Schnitzlein shared his journey of having *The Monster Who Ate My Peas* published and the steps a writer must take to go from a picture book idea to a submission-ready manuscript. Writers were encouraged to bring their own picture book story for

feedback as the free workshop included an opportunity for critique.

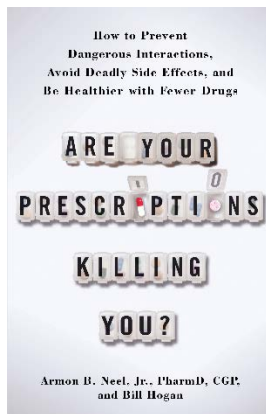
The Five Forks branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library is located at 2780 Five Forks Trickum Rd. SW, Lawrenceville, GA.

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Armon B. Neel Jr. and Medication Use Among Older Adults

Gwinnett County Public Library welcomed author and AARP columnist Dr. Armon B. Neel Jr. to the Bethesda Park Senior Center in

Lawrenceville on October 24 at 9:30 a.m. in partnership with Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation.



A board-certified geriatric pharmacist whose work has been featured in the *AARP Bulletin* and *Reader's Digest*, Neel discussed his book *Are Your Prescriptions Killing*

You: How to Prevent Dangerous Interactions, Avoid Deadly Side Effects, and Be Healthier with Fewer Drugs.

Neel's nearly 50-year career has been dedicated to showing patients and their doctors a better way to health with fewer medications.

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